MUL staff involvement in car smuggling

1724. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem as reported in the Indian Express dated 1st October, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the staff of the Maruti Udyog Limited has been involved in smuggling out cars on forged registration papers;

(d) whether any further investigations have been made in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that such racket in sales of Maruti Vehicles by the employees was reported earlier also; and

(g) if so, what action was taken at that time to check the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) Information is being collected.

Pending cases before Direct Tax Tribunal

@1725. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 2.2 lakh cases are pending before the Direct Tax Tribunal at present;

(b) whether Government have calculated the time taken in settling a case and the total time required to liquidate the arrears; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to clear this backlog ?

@Previously Unstarred Question, 93, transferred from 24th November, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The total number of cases pending before the Income-tax Appellate, Tribunal as on 1-11-1992 was 2,34,860.

(b) The average time taken in the disposal of a case is about 36 to 40 months in Division Bench cases and about 3 to 6 months in Single Member cases. It is not possible to set a time-frame for liquidation of the arrears.

(c) Steps have been taken for filling up the vacant posts of Members in the Tribunal. Members are sent on tours to stations where either the pendency is more or the regular Benches are not functioning. Grouping of appeals involving common issues for hearing and scrutiny of cases covered by earlier judgements for quick disposal are some of the other steps taken for reducing the pendency.

Cases Filed/Disposed of by MRTPC

1726. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of cases filed in MRTPC and the number of cases disposed of during the last 3 years, yearwise;

(b) the names of the companies against whom cases are pending in the MRTPC;

(c) the details of cases where High Courts/Supreme Court have given verdict against the Judgement of MRTPC; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to make MRTPC an effective organisation in dealing with monopolistic and restrictive trade practices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : The MRTP Commission have instituted/disposed of following number of enquiries during the last three years:

Year	Instituted	Disposed of
1989	350	609
1990	306	410
1991	225	534